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(1871) COMMUNE OF PARIS

The organized mob which had control of Paris from Mar 18 to May 27 1871. It occurred immediately after the German Army left Paris on Mar 3. The Communists were called REDS. With the help of the National Guard they took possession of the city. The authority of the National Assembly sitting at VERSAILLES was declared null.

150,000 men under Marshal MacMahon besieged Paris and wrested control from the Communists backed by 100,000 well-trained troops. Towards the last the REDS resorted to violence. The house of M. THIERS was destroyed, the VENDÔME Column torn down, buildings, including the Palace of TUILERIES, were burned. Hostages were massacred, and the fight ended in the cemetery known as PERE-LA-CHAISE on May 27, 1871.